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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

in General Court Assembled:

The Trustees of the State Library make this their forty-fourth annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, under the provisions of Chapter 6, Section 1, of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

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OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE LIBRARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

JUNE 30, 1953

Daniel L. Mahon, Chairman

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

I have the honor to submit the following report on the work done  
in the Massachusetts State Library during the year ending June 30, 1953:  
To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

in General Court Assembled:

The Trustees of the State Library make this their forty-fourth  
annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, under the  
provisions of Chapter 6, Section 37, of the General Laws (Ter.Ed.).

On June 4, 1953, Thomas H. D. Mahoney was re-appointed by the  
Governor as a Trustee for a term of three years.

The Trustees transmit herewith the Librarian's report and  
incorporate it as part of this record.

The appropriation for the fiscal year covered by this report  
amounted to \$128,111.00. This amount was \$7,361.00 more than the

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began service as Junior Library Assistants. On November 1, 1952,  
Mrs. Margaret L. Miller was appointed Junior Clerk as a Military  
Substitute for Mrs. Ruth Claire Boudreau Brooley. When a vacancy  
occurred in a permanent position as Junior Clerk and Typist, Mrs.  
Miller was appointed to this position on April 1, 1953. On January 1,  
1953, Mrs. Ann Gazulin and Mrs. Lillian F. Ross began service as  
Junior Library Assistants. On August 31, 1952, Miss Barbara P. Kanney  
resigned from her position as Junior Library Assistant in order to  
accept an appointment in the library of Boston University. On  
January 31, 1953, Miss Lois E. Peterson resigned



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

I have the honor to submit the following report on the work done in the Massachusetts State Library during the year ending June 30, 1953:

### Tabulation of Activities

#### Main Room:

|                                     |        |         |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Circulation,.....                   | 12,776 | volumes |
| Telephone reference questions,..... | 1,175  |         |
| Daily average attendance,.....      | 75     |         |

#### Legislative Reference Room:

|                                     |       |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--|
| Circulation,.....                   | 1,676 |  |
| Telephone reference questions,..... | 284   |  |
| Total attendance,.....              | 1,768 |  |

#### Newspaper Room:

|                        |       |  |
|------------------------|-------|--|
| Circulation,.....      | 6,042 |  |
| Total attendance,..... | 3,021 |  |

The appropriation for the fiscal year covered by this report amounted to \$128,111.00. This amount was \$7,361.00 more than the appropriation for the preceding year. However, due to the fact that from three to five positions remained unfilled at intervals in the year there was a net saving of \$9,655.72.

On July 1, 1952, Miss Marilyn T. Burke and Miss Margaret Hickey began service as Junior Library Assistants. On November 1, 1952, Mrs. Margaret L. Miller was appointed Junior Clerk as a Military Substitute for Mrs. Ruth Claire Boudreau Bromley. When a vacancy occurred in a permanent position as Junior Clerk and Typist, Mrs. Miller was appointed to this position on April 1, 1953. On January 1, 1953, Mrs. Ann Gazulis and Mrs. Lillian F. Ross began service as Junior Library Assistants. On August 31, 1952, Miss Barbara P. Kenney resigned from her position as Junior Library Assistant in order to accept an appointment in the library of Boston University. On January 31, 1953, Miss Lois E. Peterson resigned



her position as Senior Library Assistant in order to accept an appointment as Assistant in the Social Law Library. On March 31, 1953, Miss Lillian C. Layne resigned her position as Junior Clerk & Typist to accept a position in the Registry of Motor Vehicles. On March 1, 1953, Mr. Clifford C. Douglass, Jr. and Mr. Francis P. Farley were promoted to positions as Senior Library Assistants. At the close of the fiscal year five positions remained unfilled as follows: 1 Junior Clerk, 1 Junior Library Assistant, 1 Senior Library Assistant, 1 General Handyman, and 1 Helper, State Library.

No report has been made by the Public Building Commission regarding the construction of an underground safety vault in the area between the West Wing of the State House and the Bulfinch Building. An earlier proposal by the Commission to erect such a vault between the West Wing and Beacon Street was not approved by the State Art Commission. The State Librarian renewed his request that consideration be given to the rooms on the second floor now occupied by the Department of Corporations and Taxation to be made a Treasure Room, and the space divided between the Archives Division of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the State Library. The recommendation includes the construction of vaults within the State House itself immediately below the Treasure Room on the Hancock Street side. These vaults would be designed like the ones recently dedicated in the Archives Building in Washington where the Declaration of Independence and the original copy of the Constitution of the United States are displayed. Here the vault would be used to protect and preserve the Bradford manuscript and early Colonial Laws of Massachusetts, and the Charter of the Massachusetts Bay Colony now in a vault on the fourth floor. This proposed combination of a Treasure Room and vault would make it possible to display the treasures



now scattered in many other offices in the State House. The carrying out of this proposal is dependent upon the construction of a state office building which would take many departments out of the State House.

#### Books

As a temporary place of security for rare books in the State Library and the collection in the Archives, the State Librarian made a recommendation to the Committee on State Administration that space be used in the New England Deposit Library but no appropriation was made by the Ways and Means Committee. This proposal will be renewed.

During this year the staff of the State Library wrote the copy for the new guide book of the State House entitled "The Massachusetts State House". The money for this publication was made available by the Governor out of his special appropriation. An earlier guide book, published by the Commonwealth, has been out of print for twenty years. The records show that nine editions of it were made and a total of almost 100,000 copies distributed. 20,000 copies of the new book will be printed at a cost of \$7,000.00. The book will be distributed by the Governor to visitors to his office and will be distributed by the State Library to other state libraries, university and college libraries, and historical societies as may be interested. The book will be of special interest to teachers who escort classes to the State House. A limited number of copies will be distributed to members of the Legislature and other state officials.

Dennis A. Dooley,  
State Librarian.



## ACCESSIONS

Number of books and pamphlets added to the library from July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953:

### Books

|  |            |       |
|--|------------|-------|
| By purchase (includes 2 atlases),..... | 984        |       |
| By domestic exchange,.....             | 1,358      |       |
| By foreign exchange,.....              | 173        |       |
| By gifts,.....                         | 2,334      |       |
| Massachusetts state publications,..... | <u>268</u> | 5,117 |

### Pamphlets

|  |              |                |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| By purchase,.....  | 267          |                |
| By domestic exchange,.....   | 3,051        |                |
| By foreign exchange,.....  | 167          |                |
| By gifts (includes 1381 maps),.....  | 5,625        |                |
| Massachusetts state publications,.....                                       | <u>1,035</u> | 10,145         |
| Total,.....  |              | 15,262         |
| Previous total,.....   |              | <u>722,015</u> |
| Total number of volumes and pamphlets accessioned,.....                      |              | 737,277        |
| Reduction by binding,.....   | 251          |                |
| Reduction by discarding,.....  | 379          |                |
| Reduction by loss,.....  | <u>6</u>     | <u>636</u>     |
| Total number of volumes and pamphlets in the Library,<br>June 30, 1953,..... |              | <u>736,641</u> |

### Recataloging

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Volumes and pamphlets represented in new catalogue, June 30, 1952,.... | 564,700        |
| Volumes and pamphlets added to new catalogue during year,.....         | <u>14,925</u>  |
|  | 579,625        |
| Less reduction by binding, discarding and loss,.....                   | <u>636</u>     |
| Total number of volumes and pamphlets in new catalogue, June 30, 1953. | <u>578,989</u> |

Of this total 72,777 volumes and pamphlets are of the Law Collection.

Dennis A. Dooley,  
State Librarian.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN ACCOUNT WITH  
STATE LIBRARY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT/JULY 1, 1952 TO JUNE 30, 1953.

|   | <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>Allotments</u>   | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Encumbrances</u> | <u>Unencumbered<br/>Balance of<br/>Allotments</u> |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| Personal Services &<br>Expenses             | <u>\$128,111.00</u>  | <u>\$125,466.00</u> | <u>\$116,533.63</u> | <u>\$1,921.65</u>   | <u>\$7,010.72</u>                                 |
| Income from sales of waste paper, . . . . . |                      |                     |                     |                     | \$ 134.07   |
| Income from witness fee, . . . . .          |                      |                     |                     |                     | <u>7.00</u>                                       |
| Total income, . . . . .                     |                      |                     |                     |                     | <u>\$ 141.07</u>                                  |